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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Final Official Action of August 4, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment of the Claims begins on page 2.

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